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SUBJ: THAI OFFICIALS LEAVE FOR PARIS ON NARCOTICS CASE

REF: (A) PARIS 11207 AND PREVIOUS; (B) BKK 8947

1. THREE SENIOR THAI OFFICIALS HAVE LEFT FOR PARIS TO GATHER INFORMATION ON THE CASE OF THAI MILITARY ATTACHE DAMRONG DUANGRATTHANA (PHONETIC) AND HIS SON RAK DUANGRATTHANA (REFA). POLICE MAJOR GENERAL CHAWALIT YOTMANI IF THE THE POLICE NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION CENTER (PNSC) AND POLICE MAJOR GENERAL CHAK LAKSANABUNSONG, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF THE CENTRAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU, LEFT FOR PARIS ON APR 26. DIRECTOR OF ARMY INTELLIGENCE MAJOR GENERAL CHALOEI SA-NGUANSAK, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF MILITARY ATTACHES, LEFT FOR PARIS ON APR 27.

2. THE THAI HAVE HAD VERY LITTLE INFORMATION ON THE CASE OTHER THAN PRESS REPORTS SINCE IT BROKE ON APR 5. POLICE GENERAL PHAO SARASIN, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PNSC, WAS REPORTEDLY VISIBLE UPSET AND ANGERED WHEN HE FIRST LEARNED THAT RAK HAD IMPLICATED HIS FATHER AS INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. HE REPORTEDLY FEARS
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THAT THE CASE MAY BE A SERIOUS SETBACK TO THAI EFFORTS TO ENLIST EUROPEAN COPPERATION AND SUPPORT IN THE ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORT HERE. PRAMUK SAWATDIMONGKHON, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD (NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION AND PREVENTION COMMITTEE) IS FOLLOWING THE CASE FROM BANGKOK.

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3. THE VISIT BY THREE SENIOR OFFICIALS INDICATES THE HIGH LEVEL CONCERN IN THE THAI GOVERNMENT OVER THIS MATTER, AND THE RTG'S INTEREST IN CLEARING UP TTHE MATTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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